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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Responsive to the action mailed April 7, 2003, applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-97, drawn to a method of encrypting the data using a key from the content of data item to store the data item at a location associated with a digital fingerprint. The election is made without traverse.

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